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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

### *Smallpox in Humboldt County, Cal.*

EUREKA, CAL., *February 2, 1902.*

SIR: I have to inform you that on January 27 I was called to see a man who had just arrived in this city from a lumber camp, about 40 miles distant, who was suffering from what his physician had called varicella, but who was really in the vesicular stage of discrete smallpox, having since shown slight secondary fever on the ninth day of the disease, with the characteristic pustulation. I have since ascertained through the Humboldt County health officer that 5 or 6 other cases have developed in the camp where this man came from, and 25 others at another camp about 25 miles distant from this city, all of whom are now quarantined either by city or county health authorities.

The city health department is making every effort to prevent the disease from becoming epidemic here. If any special instructions are necessary, please wire.

Respectfully,

B. Y. HARRIS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

### *Four cases of smallpox at Portland, Me.—Two imported.*

PORTLAND, ME., *February 8, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a case of smallpox was taken to the lazaretto at this station to-day. He left his vessel, a fishing schooner, on the afternoon of the 7th in Boston, went to Kennebunk, Me., spent the night at a hotel, and came to Portland to-day. Health officers in Kennebunk and Boston have been notified. The case is mild.

Respectfully,

S. D. BROOKS,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

PORTLAND, ME., *February 9, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a case of smallpox was found in this city on the 31st ultimo. He had been employed about the Grand Trunk Railroad steamship dock. Source of contagion unknown. He was removed to the city pesthouse.

Respectfully,

S. D. BROOKS,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

PORTLAND, ME., *February 11, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 2 cases of smallpox were found in this city on the 10th instant.

One man came from Durham, Me., four or five days ago, and states that he had been exposed there to a case from Winnepeg, Manitoba,